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AND RENEWED PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
(ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)

Dear Sir:

This communication is a follow-up to the Applicants' Petition to Make Special mailed on
April 16, 2004. In order to perfect Applicants' Petition, Applicants state as follows:

1. Applicants believe that all claims remaining in the Application after entry
of the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 16, 2004 are directed to a single invention.
However, should the Office determine that the claims are not directed to a single invention and

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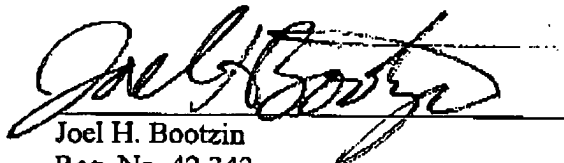
issue a restriction/election requirement, Applicants hereby agree to make an election without traverse in response thereto.

2. Applicants otherwise incorporate by reference and restate the entirety of their original Petition mailed April 16, 2004.

3. Applicants believe that they have now cured all possible defects in their original Petition and that, as renewed, the Petition meets all requirements set forth in MPEP 708.02 Part VIII. Applicants therefore respectfully request that their application be made special. Applicants await the decision of the Commissioner in this respect and a first action from the Examiner on the merits.

4. No additional fee is thought to be due with this renewed of petition. However, if any fees are owed in connection with this Renewed Petition, please charge Deposit Account No. 18-2184 of Piper Rudnick, LLP.

Respectfully submitted,



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